

The Election Requirement dated January 18, 2001 required Applicant to elect between species directed to a "pickup truck species" and a "species where the rear compartment is a passenger compartment." Applicant hereby elects, without traverse, claims directed to the "species where the rear compartment is a passenger compartment," claims 49-89, 91-94 and 96-97.

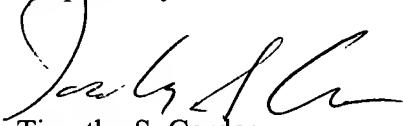
II. REMARKS

Claims 90 and 95 are directed to a non-elected species, pickup trucks. Applicants submit that claim 85 is also a generic claim, as it is not limited to either species. Applicants reserve the right to rejoin the subject matter of claims 90 and 95 to the application should a generic claim be indicated to be allowable or to pursue the withdrawn claims in a divisional application.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that all the claims are in a condition for allowance, and solicit an early indication to that effect. Should the Examiner have any questions, comments or suggestions concerning the species election provided herein, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative at (512) 495-8446.

Respectfully submitted,



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